

REMARKS

Status Summary

Claims 1-39 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 15, 29 and 38 are presented in independent form. Claims 1-38 stand rejected. Claims 1-4, 7-13, 15-18, 21-27, 29 and 38 are amended herein.

Examiner Interview

Applicant expresses his gratitude to the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's undersigned representative during the telephone interview conducted on July 15, 2007. During that interview, proposed amendments to claims 1, 15, 29 and 38 were discussed. Those claims have been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner.

Specifically, the claims have been amended to include recitations directed to invoking the second communication application in response to user input representing at least one of requesting the invoking of the second communication application and submitting a data transmission request. Further, the claims have also been amended to include recitations directed to retrieving, from a profile corresponding to the recipient, communication information including an address related to the recipient. Applicant submits that support for these amendments can be found throughout the Specification as originally filed. For example, the paragraph on page 7, lines 10-21 of the Specification as originally filed provides support for the amendments. Accordingly, Applicant submits that no new matter has been added.

Claim Rejection(s) - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-38 stand rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0172455 to Green, et al. (hereinafter "Green").

As to claim 1, the Office Action cites Green as teaching a method for transmitting data utilizing a plurality of communication applications simultaneously in a communication device supporting the plurality of communication applications. Specifically, the Office Action cites paragraphs 64 and 65 of Green as anticipating invoking a second communication application in response to user input to transmit data to the recipient via the second communication application during a communication session concurrent with the first communication session. The cited section of Green states:

[0064] Several different communications between a user and a buddy are possible through the UI 600. For example, a user can initiate an IM dialog with a buddy by selecting the buddy's screen name 604 from the buddy list 602 (e.g., by clicking or otherwise selecting the screen name with a mouse). Selecting the buddy's name establishes a connection from the user's client system 505 through the IM server 5902 and/or the domain name server 5904 to the buddy's client system 505, so that the user and the buddy can, for example, exchange instant messages, participate in group chat rooms.

[0065] A user may also exchange email with a buddy through the UI 600. For example, a user may scroll over the screen name of a buddy and right click or otherwise select on the buddy's screen name to open an application to send email to the buddy. To use UI 600, which lists the user's buddies by screen name, to send email to a buddy's email addresses (or to receive email from one or more of those addresses), a mapping between the screen name and the email address occurs. For example, referring to FIG. 8, such a process 800 begins when the application running UI 600 receives one or more screen names in a user's buddy list and passes the screen names to the application that stores the user's email address book (step 802). Within the address book, a correspondence between a screen name and an e-mail address is then sought (step 804). For example, a correspondence may be found between a buddy's screen name of "Andy" and the email address andy@aol.com. Such a correspondence may be made automatically by software, or the user may be prompted to confirm a suggested correspondence between a

screen name and an email address. Databases in addition to an email address book may also be consulted when searching for a correspondence between a buddy's screen name and email address. For example, an electronic Rolodex.TM. or a database of contacts that stores information about a buddy including the buddy's name, address, telephone numbers, screen name, and email addresses may be consulted to find one or more email addresses that correspond to a user's screen name. Once the email addresses corresponding to the buddies screen names are located, the mappings between screen names and email addresses are returned to the buddy list application and to the UI 600 (step 806). The application running the UI 600 communicates the email addresses to the user's email client and requests to be notified by the email client when a new email is sent to or received from any of the email addresses (step 808). Then, whenever the email client sends or receives an email, it notifies the application running the UI 600 of this fact, such that the UI 600 is updated to present an appropriate mail icon next to the name of the buddy to whom or from whom mail has been sent (step 810).

The above cited section discloses launching a first communication session in response to a selection of a screen name. There is no discussion of concurrent communication sessions in this section, or anywhere else in Green. As stated in paragraph 65, "a user may scroll over the screen name of a buddy and right click or otherwise select on the buddy's screen name to open an application to send email to the buddy." Further, as stated in paragraph 68, "for example, a user may scroll over the screen name of a buddy and right click or otherwise select the buddy's screen name to open an application to dial a phone number associated with the buddy." There is no disclosure of any method of invoking a communication session other than a selection of a screen name anywhere in Green. Accordingly, Green requires the selection of a screen name in order to establish a communication session.

In contrast, claim 1 includes the recitation "a communication session concurrent with the first communication session, the second communication application invoked in response to user input representing at least one of requesting the invoking of the second communication application and submitting a data transmission request." Green fails to disclose this recitation. As stated above, Green does not include any discussion

of concurrent sessions. Thus, Green can not possibly disclose a communication session concurrent with the first communication session as recited in claim 1. Further, as discussed above, Green does not disclose any method of invoking a communication session other than the selection of a screen name. Accordingly, Green does not disclose invoking a communication session in response to requesting the invoking of the second communication application. Further, Green does not disclose invoking a communication session in response to submitting a data transmission request as recited in claim 1. Thus, Green can not be said to disclose each and every feature of claim 1.

Further, the Office Action cites paragraphs 65-68 of Green as anticipating in response to invoking the second communication application, automatically retrieving communication information related to the recipient and necessary to establish the concurrent communication session via the second communication application. The cited section discloses displaying information about a received message. For example, paragraph 66 states "when the user scrolls over the mail icon 606 with a mouse, information about the email received from the buddy (e.g., the number of unread emails received from the buddy, the date and time the email was send and the subject of the email) is displayed to the user." The displaying of the information occurs in response to scrolling over an icon included in the buddy list.

Paragraph 67 states "when the user moves the cursor over a mail icon 606 associated with the screen name 604 of a buddy in the UI 600, information about the buddy and the mail sent by the buddy is displayed by one or more supplemental interfaces 702 (e.g., a window or dialog, a tooltip, or a fly-out panel known as a quick access panel ("QAP"))." The quick access panel is a supplemental interface for providing information about a received message. As above, any information presented in the QAP is presented in response to the user moving the cursor over an icon associated with a screen name in the buddy list UI. Paragraph 67 further states "by double clicking on (or otherwise selecting) the mail icon 606, the user can open or activate an e-mail application UI 704 listing all emails received from and/or sent to the

buddy associated with the mail icon 606." As above, the mail icon is presented in the buddy list UI. Further, the launching of the application occurs in response to a selection of an icon presented in the buddy list and associated with a screen name. There is no discussion of automatically retrieving communication information including an address necessary to establish the concurrent communication session with the recipient in response to invoking the second communication application in the above section, or anywhere else in Green.

Paragraph 68 of the above cited section discloses associating a phone number with a buddy's screen name. The section also discloses "a user may scroll over the screen name of a buddy and right click or otherwise select the buddy's screen name to open an application to dial a phone number associated with the buddy." As above, there is no discussion of automatically retrieving communication information in response to invoking the second communication application in the above section, or anywhere else in Green. Further, the displayed information does not include an address related to the recipient and necessary to establish the concurrent communication session with the recipient via the second communication application. Green does not disclose retrieving an address related to the recipient for establishing a communication session with the recipient via the second communication application in response to invoking the second communication application. As discussed with reference to the above cited section, Green requires the selection of a buddy name to establish a communication session. For example, the address, i.e. the phone number, is retrieved in response to selecting a screen name associated with the recipient in Green. The phone number is retrieved based on its association with the screen name of the recipient.

In contrast, claim 1 includes the recitation "in response to invoking the second communication application, automatically retrieving, from a profile corresponding to the recipient, communication information including an address related to the recipient and necessary to establish the concurrent communication session with the recipient via the second communication application." Green fails to disclose this recitation. As

discussed above, Green does not disclose automatically retrieving communication information in response to invoking the second communication application. Further, Green does not disclose communication information including an address related to the recipient and necessary to establish the concurrent communication session with the recipient via the second communication application as recited in claim 1. As discussed above, the phone number in Green is retrieved based on its association with the screen name. In contrast, in claim 1, the address is retrieved in response to the invoking of the communication application and is the address necessary for establishing a communication session via the communication application. Thus, Green can not be said to disclose each and every feature of claim 1.

Accordingly, since Green fails to disclose each and every feature of the claimed invention for at least the above reasons, claim 1 is not anticipated by Green. Furthermore, rejected claims 2-14 are novel and inventive for at least the same reasons. Claims 15, 29, and 38 include analogous recitations to those discussed with reference to claim 1. Accordingly, claims 15, 29, and 38 are novel and inventive for at least the same reasons. Furthermore claims 16-28, and 30-37 are also novel and inventive for at least the same reasons.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance, and an early notice to such effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned patent attorney at the below-listed number if, after reviewing the above Remarks, the Examiner believes outstanding matters remain that may be resolved without the issuance of a subsequent Official Action.

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